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Bishop Grutka Dedicates New Library, Cites Cal Campus Progress



The Very Rev. Raphael H. Gross, C.P.P.S., (left) president of Saint Joseph's college, Rensselaer, and the Rev. Henry J. Martin, C.P.P.S., (right), president of the Calumet campus, are shown with Bishop Andrew G. Grutka as he blessed the new Mary Gorman Specker memorial library on the East Chicago campus. Assisting Bishop Grutka were the Rev. Albert Wuest, C.P.P.S., assistant professor of chemistry on the Calumet campus, and the Rev. Edward C. Homco, C.P.P.S., pastor of Saint John the Baptist church in Whiting.

"I want to see Saint Joseph's college set a good example in the field of higher education just as an example was set for me at the recent Ecumenical council in Rome," the Most Reverend Andrew G. Grutka, Bishop of the Gary Diocese told a dinner gathering following formal dedication of the new library of Saint Joseph's college Calumet campus in East Chicago.

Recounting his experiences in Italy, Bishop Grutka said he was challenged to reveal himself in the presence of other bishops and Cardinals of the Catholic Church in an atmosphere of competitive faith.

Directing his remarks to Eugene Specker, former East Chicago businessman who donated the land and building from which the new library was developed, and to the family of the late Mrs. Mary Gorman Specker for whom the library has been named, Bishop Grutka expressed the thought that "you will come to know that these sacrifices for Saint Joseph's were well worth while."

The Gary bishop pointed to the humble beginning of Saint Joseph's college Calumet campus as an adult evening school in 1951 and noted that "most great things come from a humble beginning".

In challenging the college to "set a good example", Bishop Grutka said this can be accomplished through the selection and development of a good faculty.

Saint Joseph's college Calumet campus established a four-year degree-granting curriculum in 1960 and earlier this year conducted its first commencement exercises at which the Bishop was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

It first acquired the administration building at 4721 Indianapolis

blvd., and this year added the Specker library building which also houses a student lounge, art and music rooms, offices of the dean of students, and classrooms. The 75x142 foot building was completely rejuvenated to provide space for a 60,000 volume library and studying facilities.

Bishop Grutka blessed the building at an afternoon open house and dedication. An estimated 800 persons viewed the new structure on tours conducted by students under the direction of the Student Council.

Commending the Rev. Henry J. Martin, C.P.P.S., acting president of the Saint Joseph's Calumet campus, for showing "remarkable progress in a short period of time", Bishop Grutka cited the Precious Blood Fathers for providing an institution of higher learning that "can be a good example in the field of education and the development of man".

The value of a good example, he said, was set for him in Rome by other council delegates who exhibited a reverence befitting the roles they held in the conference and challenging other delegates to exercise powerful religious alertness.

He likened the example within the religious circle in which he moved to the example set by the Specker and Gorman families in "sacrificing" something material and personal for the cause of higher education.

Attending the dedication were three sisters and a brother of the late Mrs. Specker. They were Mrs. George Grimmer of East Chicago, Mrs. L. D. Godfrey of Hammond, Mrs. H. C. Swartz of Monterey, Mexico, and Mike Gorman of Hammond.

Dean Visits Rome Has Audience with Pope Paul

A one week visit to Rome left Father Donald Ballman, C.P.P.S., "almost overwhelmed with the feeling of the antiquity of the place. There are such a tremendous number of places and things of historic and artistic value, even more than I expected. Nearly every place you go you see something you've seen before in a picture or that you've heard about," Father Ballman said.

The academic dean of Saint Joseph's college, Rensselaer, as a travelling companion of Frank Callahan and Morgan Murphy, both from Chicago and both members of the college's board of lay trustees, who attended a meeting of the Extension society — a group which helps mission dioceses in the United States.

Father Ballman listed the highlights of his trip as being an audience with Pope Paul VI; a visit to the tomb of St. Gaspar del Bufalo, founder of the Precious Blood community, at Santa Maria in Trevio; and attendance at a Mass which opened one of the sessions of the Ecumenical council.

"I felt very privileged to be able to meet the Pope," Father Ballman said. "Cardinal Meyer introduced each member of our group — 30 of us — to the Holy Father who later gave a short talk in Italian which was translated by one of the priests.

"The interior of St. Peter's was a sea of red during the opening Mass, which coincidentally was celebrated by Bishop Andrew Grutka of Gary. It was quite a feeling being in the midst of the majority of the hierarchy of the Church," Father Ballman said.

Although it was his first visit to Rome, Father Ballman wasn't exactly among strangers. Among the people from "home" he met are the Most Rev. John Carberry, Bishop of Lafayette; the Most Rev. Leo Pursley, Bishop of Fort Wayne; Father Edwin Kaiser, C.P.P.S., of the Saint Joseph's faculty who is on a leave of absence; and Air Force Chaplain James Couhig, C.P.P.S., who was temporarily "forced" into a stay in Rome because of mechanical difficulty with an airplane. He also chatted with the Rev. Herbert Linenberger, Moderator General, C.P.P.S., and the Rev. Robert Neumeyer, Procurator General, C.P.P.S.

The return trip to the United States was not uneventful. "We were about an hour out of New York when the pilot announced that President Kennedy had been shot. That was all the news we had until about an hour after we landed," Father Ballman said. "Howard K. Smith, ABC news commentator, also was a passenger on the plane. I recall that he looked terribly pained, probably at not being where the news was breaking."

Ft. Wayne Alums Reactivate Club, Elect Officers

The evening of December 9th saw a long quieted alumni club come alive again. For all practical

J. O. E. Elects New Officers

The J.O.E. (for Jasper, Owensboro, Evansville) chapter of the Saint Joseph's college alumni association, met in November to elect officers for 1964.

Bernie Hoffman, 202 E. 13th street, Jasper, was elected president; Jim Taylor, 071 E. Iowa street, Evansville, was elected vice president; and Mauri Gutsell, 313 W. 15th street, Jasper, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Close to 100 alumni form the J.O.E. Alumni Chapter. The chapter was first inaugurated in the fall of 1952 and to quote a story from the November, 1952 issue of Contact: "The J.O.E. Chapter's establishment early this fall terminated considerable suggestions and agitation in that area for a Saint Joe Alumni Chapter." The first chapter president was George Ellspermann and the first vice president is the 1964 president, Bernie Hoffman.

With loyal Bernie in the presidential chair, the chapter is now planning its traditional spring function which, according to reliable sources in the chapter, is going to be a real "barnburner."

Any recent alumni or alumni who have moved to the J.O.E. chapter and would be interested in joining the chapter should call President Hoffman.

purposes there hadn't been an active alumni club in the Fort Wayne, Indiana area in over a decade, but on December 9, at the Falstaff hospitality room of the Falstaff brewery in Fort Wayne, a new club with new aims and purposes was formed. The preamble to the constitution of the Fort Wayne chapter sets the scene for the coming program of the club.

From the Fort Wayne constitution:

Fully conscious of our deep responsibility in love and gratitude for those who have helped to form and direct our life and character, and in deep appreciation to the institution which stands as a symbol of Christian Ideals, and so as to further foster a spirit of fraternity among the alumni of Saint Joseph's College and to establish more effective relations between the alumni and the college, we, the alumni of Saint Joseph's College, resident in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and in all Indiana and Ohio counties contiguous thereto, do ordain and establish this constitution.

Elected to represent the new club were:

Bob Christen, 5427 Ashland drive, Fort Wayne, president; Dave Cook, 2611 Fairfield View place, Fort Wayne, vice president; Joe Voors, 2522 Hubertus, Fort Wayne, vice president; Bill Andorfer, 7709 Pinedale avenue, Fort Wayne, vice president; Art Loew, 4212 Leo road, Fort Wayne, vice president; Jim Deahl, 2552 South Anthony, Fort Wayne, secretary; Jerry Mauch, 2423 Corby drive, Fort Wayne, treasurer.

Our best to the Fort Wayne chapter.

FATHER BALLMAN SEES POPE PAUL



Father Ballman, (standing right) awaits his introduction to Pope Paul VI during a recent visit to Rome. To the left and behind His Holiness is Albert Cardinal Meyer, Archbishop of Chicago, who introduced members of the group to Pope Paul.

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We Hear From

Dear Jerry:

Nothing would have pleased me more than to have attended the 1963 Homecoming, but being 5,000 miles away would have made it quite difficult. Thanks though, for the invite. (It arrived today, boat mail being slow.) However, I'm looking forward to the 1964 party weekend. Before homecoming time in 1961, I was already with Uncle Sam, so I've never had the chance to be an alumni homecoming visitor.

Next year is the big year for me. In July, '64, I'll be a civilian and certainly during the fall of '64, I'll be on campus with bells on. Thanks again for the invite to a poor playboy in Germany, and keep up the good work for the "cause".

Tom Adler, '61

Gentlemen:

I am very sorry that I could not attend the 25th anniversary of the '38 football team, but "football" is the reason I couldn't attend — out here on the West Coast; I have been an official at major college games for a number of years, and Saturday, October the 11th, I was assigned to the Univ. of Pacific-Fresno State game.

I wish you would pass this letter around to those who may remember me and in turn maybe summarize in *Contact* as to where they are all located, I would be most interested.

I am located in a suburb of San Francisco, not far from the C.P.P.S. Mission House in Woodside. I've been with United Air Lines for 18 years and currently hold the position of Assistant to the Senior Vice President — Engineering and Maintenance. I am married to a former stewardess from Denver, Colorado, and we have two adopted children — a girl and a boy.

I get back East to Chicago, New York, and Washington about once every two weeks and do plan to drop down to St. Joseph's some night when I'm in Chicago for an extended period. Football season is a poor time, however. Two years ago, I worked the Washington State-Indiana game in Bloomington, Indiana, and connections didn't work out.

My recollection of 1938 Homecoming it that we beat the University of Louisville 2 - 0, right? Think that I intercepted a couple of passes down around the goal line; I was a wet 145 pounds then and now a thin 185.

My best regards to Dick Scharf, Father Nieset, Duax, Cody, Clark, Keane, etc. (also Simms).

Tom Reichert, '41

Accidents Claim Lives Of Two Alumni

Dr. John J. Rusina, '57, was killed December 12 when his car went out of control and struck a utility pole in Denver, Colorado.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rusina, Joliet, Ill. He received his medical education at Des Moines, Iowa. Doctor Rusina was to marry Miss Phyllis Calloley of Denver, Colorado, December the 28th.

Colonel Herman H. Schmitz, a student at the St. Joseph's academy in the early 1900's, and his wife were among the 72 persons killed in the Halloween night explosion at the Indianapolis coliseum.

Colonel Schmitz, 73, had retired in 1961 from his position as director of the Indiana Soldiers home. He served in the Army medical corps during World War I and was a recipient of France's Croix de Guerre after being overcome three times in gas attacks.

For many years he operated the post exchange at the Soldiers home, leaving in 1940 to work at the Aluminum Company of America plant. He returned to the home as commandant in 1953. Colonel and Mrs. Schmitz resided in Lafayette.

Lynch Moves to Inland's N.Y. Office

Inland Steel company, Chicago, announced the transfer of Thomas E. Lynch, '51, sales department claim representative, to the New York City district sales office as special sales representative.

Lynch, a lifelong resident of Hammond, Indiana, assumed his new duties December 9. Lynch is now involved in sales of sub-purlins, a steel construction material produced at Inland's Chicago Heights, Illinois, plant.

A Bishop Noll graduate, he attended the University of Notre Dame and St. Joseph's College.

Lynch began his career with Inland in 1950 at the Indiana Harbor, Indiana, works. He was transferred to the Chicago general offices in 1955, entered the sales training program the following year, and has worked in various sales divisions.

Lynch and his wife, the former Charlotte Malcor of Chicago, have six children and did reside at 266 173rd street, Hammond, Indiana. He is the son of the late John W. Lynch, a leading insurance and political figure in the Calumet region, and Emma G. Lynch of 430 Kenwood street, Hammond.

Rites Held For Brother Camillus, Ex Infirmarian

Brother Camillus Pollock, C.P.P.S., familiar to many alumni for his services as infirmarian from 1950 to 1955, died November 12 at St. Charles seminary in Carthagen, Ohio.

Death was due to cancer which was discovered about a year ago. Brother Camillus had been undergoing treatment at St. Elizabeth hospital, Dayton, Ohio.

A native of Centralia, Illinois, he entered the Society of the Precious Blood in 1939 and was professed in 1941. During his first years in the community he worked at Brunnerdale seminary, where he served as infirmarian and house boss, and held a number of other jobs, including positions in the vineyard and butcher shop.

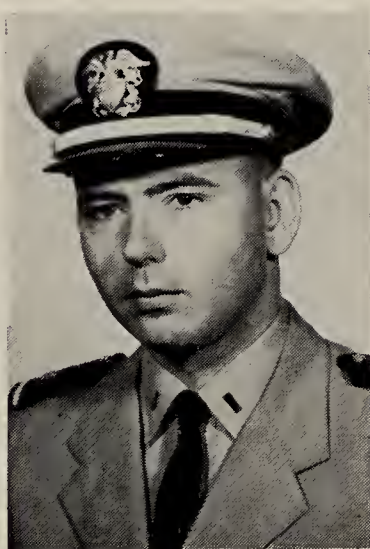
In January of 1950, Brother Camillus was assigned as infirmarian at St. Joseph's. He studied hard and took a number of science courses to aid him in his work there. He returned to Ohio for a short time to take courses in laboratory technique at St. Elizabeth's hospital.

In August, 1955, ill health, aggravated by the pressure of duties and the strain of being on call twenty-four hours a day, impelled the provincial to transfer him to St. Mary's novitiate, Burkettsville, Ohio, where outdoor work and freedom from tension brought a temporary improvement of his health.

After that, Brother was transferred to the Generalate in Rome — the Motherhouse of the Society of the Precious Blood, where the Moderator General and his curia reside.

In 1960 he returned to this country and took charge of an extensive re-landscaping program at St. Charles seminary. Brother held that post until illness forced him to quit working.

Survivors include five sisters and three brothers.



Vallin Is Exec Officer On Navy Escort Ship

LTJG Richard T. Vallin, '59, United States Navy, recently reported aboard the USS Whitehall, a patrol craft escort, as the Executive Officer. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Vallin 1217 Melvin ave., Racine, Wisconsin.

In June, 1960, Vallin entered Officer's Candidate school at Newport, R.I. and received his commission as ensign in October of the same year. His first tour of duty was aboard the USS Loyalty, homeport in Long Beach, California, where he served as operations officer. In October of 1961 he married the former Miss Mary Angela Fazzari of Racine, Wisconsin. Six months later he was awarded his present rank.

Alumni Class Notes

1909

Died: **Joseph A. Fralich** of a heart attack, August 19, 1963.

1920

Norman J. Atkinson died unexpectedly on September 22, 1962.

1933

Leon Ritter, Birmingham, Alabama, died of a heart attack on November 26, 1963.

1950

Constance Jean Kelso and **Gerald Thomas Leahy, Jr.**, were married January 11, 1964, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

1954

Mr. and Mrs. **Don Klingenberg** are the proud parents of a new girl, Mary Ann; born on October 9, 1963.

1957

Robert M. Gasior, M.D., is now located at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

1959

Mr. and Mrs. **Tom DeMint** announce the birth of a daughter, Jeanne Marie, on October 25, 1963.

1961

A daughter, Laura Anne, was born on September 10 to Mr. and Mrs. **Mathias A. Herriges**. Mother and baby are at home at 2114 Nimity, Des Plains, Illinois. **William J. Walsh, III**, is now teaching high school English in Louisville, Kentucky, after receiving his Master's degree from Villanova last June. Bill was married to the former Alice Ann Schlund, Cleveland, Ohio, August 17. Their address is 691 Madelon court, Louisville, Kentucky. **Vince Goeddeke** may now be reached at 250 Perimeter drive, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

1962

Thomas and **Mary Low Miller** are the parents of a son, Michael Francis, born November 8, 1963. Tim is teaching and coaching in Monroe, Michigan. He had a winning football season and is now coaching J.V. freshman basketball. **James Von Bampus** and Christine Usalis were married on May 4, at St. John Fisher church in Chicago. **Kenneth L. Guzik** has just finished his basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky and is now stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. His present address is: Pvt. Kenneth L. Guzik US55760 998; BTRY. "B" 7th Tng. Bn. USATC; FA Bldg. 3750 Cycle 40B; Ft. Sill, Oklahoma 73504. Airman Third Class **Peter D. Dones** of Elmwood Park, Illinois, is being reassigned to the 928th Combat Support Squadron at O'Hare international airport, Chicago, following his graduation from technical training for the United States Air Force inventory specialists here.

1963

St. Patrick's church in Kokomo was the setting for the marriage of Sarah H. Wells and **Thomas M. French**. They are residing at 4924 North Guilford avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. The engagement of Patricia Joan Howes and **Albert Joseph Diener, Jr.**, has been announced in Oak Park, Illinois. Al is now serving with the United States Air Force at Kessler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi. February 1, 1964, was the scene of the marriage of Patricia Louise Ryan and **Rudolf George Petrita**. Rudolf is a manager-trainee with F. W. Woolworth in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Dorothy Ann Lewis and **William Ralph Willits, Jr.**, were married at Trinity Methodist church, Rensselaer. The couple is residing at 333 1/2 N. McKinley, Rensselaer. **Kathleen F. Kovan** and William E. Switzer were married in Holy Trinity Croation church at East Chicago on September 7. Kathleen attended St. Joseph's Calumet center. Their current address is 903 Princess drive, West Lafayette, Indiana.

A.N.G. Assigns Kasky to O'Hare

Symposium To Hear NSF Official

KEESLER AFB, Miss. — Airman Second Class G. Robert Kasky of Chicago, is returning to his Illinois Air National Guard unit at O'Hare international airport, Chicago, following his graduation from the technical training course for United States Air Force radio equipment repairmen here.

Airman Kasky, son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Kasky of 11825 S. Campbell ave., Chicago, was trained in electronic principles, circuit analysis, and inspection of high-powered ground radio equipment.

The airman, a graduate of Mendel Catholic High School, attended St. Joseph College, De Paul university, and Indiana university. He has B.S. and M.B.A. degrees.

Dr. Raymond J. Seeger, deputy assistant director for mathematics, physical and engineering sciences of the National Science Foundation, will address participants in the Scientist and Society symposium to be held on the St. Joe campus February 14, 15 and 16, 1964. The event is being sponsored by Digamma Kappa, Lambda, society of biology and chemistry students.

Seeger has worked in the areas of dynamics, quantum mechanics, electron theory of solids and foundation physics. He was an associate professor of physics at George Washington university and a lecturer on aerophysics at John Hopkins university.

An SJC Family Of Professionals

The Fecher Foursome may not exactly be an organized crew, but they are an unusually organic group of Saint Joe alumni — a father and three sons — and a distinguished set in that all went on from their Alma Mater to graduate schools to become professional leaders.

Con J. Fecher of Fort Recovery, Ohio, studied at Saint Joseph's academy and junior college from 1911 to 1914, then became an Ohio elementary school teacher, saw duty in World War I, married in 1919, and returned again to teaching. In 1922-24 he completed requirements for an A.B. from Miami university; then, with the aid of a four-year fellowship, pursued graduate studies at the Catholic university of America. When in 1927 he got his Ph.D. in economics and Mrs. Fecher a Bachelor of Music degree, they made front-page news in the papers of the national capital as the University's first graduating couple. During thirty years as an underwriter with New York Life, in 1931 Con became a charter member of the College of Life Underwriters and a special consultant of the company. After 1935 he was also a part-time instructor at the University of Dayton; following his retirement from active insurance business he has been more completely engaged and in 1962 was appointed professor of economics.

Dr. Fecher's 1927 dissertation was a statistical research into health, morbidity, and mortality of nuns; it involved 25,000 case studies of nuns in the United States

Eight Nations Send Students

Twenty-five states and eight foreign countries are represented by students enrolled at St. Joe during the first semester of the current school year.

The "big four" — Illinois, 431; Indiana, 277; Ohio, 162; and Michigan, 86 — have provided the majority of the student body, 85 per cent, as they have done for a number of years.

Although students from eastern states comprise less than ten per cent of the total enrollment, the number of young men entering St. Joe from that area of the country has been increasing steadily during the past few years, according to Father Charles Robbins, C.P.P.S., the registrar. New York, 30; and New Jersey, 29; lead the list.

The number of foreign students on campus is about normal, Father Robbins said. Four students are from Canada, two from Puerto Rico and one each from Brazil, Japan, Jamaica, Nigeria, Panama and Venezuela.

In addition to those already mentioned, the enrollment by states is as follows: Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, 20; Missouri, 10; Kentucky, 9; Virginia, 4; Florida, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska and West Virginia, 3; California, Connecticut, Minnesota, New Mexico and Rhode Island, 2; Alabama, District of Columbia, New Hampshire and Tennessee, 1.

Grad Studies Gate Crashers

(Ed. Note: Dr. Joseph A. Sebastiani, one of the psychiatrists featured in the story below, attended Saint Joseph's college from 1947 to 1950. The story appeared originally in the Aug. 2, 1963 edition of the WASHINGTON POST and was written by Nate Haseltine, a staff reporter for the POST. It is reprinted here with permission of the WASHINGTON POST.)

Two psychiatrists here have embarked on a special study of some rather special psychotics, those who try to crash the White House to tell the President their problems.

The first phase, a review of case histories of the 40 such would-be White House invaders who tried to do so in 1960-61, is already underway. These are to provide an information baseline for others as they are apprehended and brought to the acute psychiatry department of D. C. General Hospital.

One thing the doctors are looking for first: That is whether there are any seasonal or lunar influences; they'd like to know, for instance, if the phase of the moon bears any relation to the visitation attempts.

Some past studies have shown that patients in mental institutions become more and more agitated as the moon approaches fullness, and calm down after passage of the full moon.

From 18 to 72

Conducting the special research are Drs. James L. Foy and Joseph A. Sebastiani, both of D.C. General's Acute Psychiatry department. The patients whose histories are under review range from a wild-eyed 18-year-old youth to a distraught 72-year-old woman.

The psychiatrists said the Secret Service agents who guard the White House are "pretty sharply oriented to the nature of psychiatric disorders." Translated, that means they can tell one character from another.

They can tell the difference between a troublesome psychotic, a confused psychopath, and the plain naive and ignorant visitors who truly believe everyone can talk to the President of the United States.

Psychopaths, who are less seriously disturbed than paranoid psychotics, will listen to reason and can be turned aside to seek help elsewhere; psychotics can't, the doctors explained.

Past Mental Cases

Almost all, the doctors said, have long last histories of confinements in mental institutions. Some, perhaps indicative of their mental prowess, write letters in advance of their coming. Occasionally, the guards are tipped off in advance by police or relatives from the hometowns.

One tried to see the President with what he believed was a fairly simple request. He said he had \$100 billion in the bank, and just wanted the President's permission to withdraw it.

Another argued that he was the President.

A woman was taken into protection. (Continued on Page 4)

LIBRARY DEDICATION



Pictured with Bishop Andrew G. Grutka as he blessed the new Mary Gorman Specker memorial library at Saint Joseph's college Calumet campus in East Chicago are the husband, three sisters and brother of the late Mrs. Specker. Left to right are Eugene Specker of East Chicago, Mrs. George Grimmer of East Chicago, Mr. L. D. Godfrey of Hammond, Bishop Grutka, Mrs. H. C. Swartz of Monterey, Mexico, and Mike Gorman of Hammond. (Below) A view of the interior of the new library.



Ohio Church Built By Tax Stamps

(Ed. Note: Father William Conces, who came up with the unique and successful idea which is the subject of the story below, attended St. Joseph's college from 1929 to 1934. The story is reprinted from the January 5, 1964 edition of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR.)

Ingenuity coupled with a pastor's enthusiasm for cars sparked the idea that built a striking \$375,000 church and parish hall for a mission parish whose Sunday offerings each week were only \$75.

When Father William Conces, who attended S.J.C. from 1929-34, was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's mission, Plymouth, O., in 1951, as well as full-time chaplain at the Ohio State reformatory in Mansfield, he discovered a desperate need of funds to remodel an old house into a livable rectory.

Besides being \$3,000 in debt, the parish worshipped in a church that held only 85 persons.

In June, 1952, a chance conversation with a member of a neighboring parish made Father Conces aware that redeeming tax stamps would be a good source of revenue. Because of his interest in new cars, he conceived the idea of appealing to new and used car buyers for their tax stamps.

"Of course, I also got on my knees and prayed for help. Nothing like this could ever have been accomplished without God's inspiration and help."

Hard-pressed for funds, Ohio in 1935 had instituted a sales tax plan. In order to obtain revenue immediately instead of waiting for merchants to turn in the money, the state sold tax stamps to the merchants, who then collected from their customers. Later, through a redemption feature added to the sales tax plan, customers were allowed to turn in their stamps for a refund of part of the tax they paid.

Between July, 1952, and January, 1962, two million letters of appeal for stamps were sent out by the Plymouth mission parish and more than 500,000 replies were received. Although the first letters were sent to the persons living around Plymouth, the mailing system gradually took in 50 of the state's 88 counties.

Father Conces obtained the names of car buyers by subscribing to new and used car registration lists and bulletins. In writing to each, he enclosed a St. Christopher medal.

The parish collected 75 million stamps in the close to 10 years that the drive was conducted. Refunds on them amounted to \$858,872, and unsolicited donations brought the total to \$950,086. Expenses of mailing and clerical help came to \$400,000, leaving a net income of \$550,000.

After he had raised the money, the pastor decided that he wanted a parish church of unusual design, since it was made possible by an unusual method of financing.

While looking through an issue of Catholic Property Administration, he saw some samples of the work of architect Edward J. Schulte of Cincinnati, and, giving him a free hand, suggested that he build the church.

The triangular plan, symbolizing the Blessed Trinity, puts 90 per cent of the congregation within 20 feet of the sanctuary. The church accommodates 300 persons.

Two enormous stained-glass windows show the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shedding rays of light and a gigantic hand of God symbolizing the act of creation.



The church that sales tax stamps helped to build.



Seated — left to right, Sister Marie Julie Fecher, Mrs. Con Fecher, Sr., Dr. Con Fecher, Sr., Mrs. William Fecher Zink. Standing — left to right, Dr. Con Fecher, Jr., Father Roger Fecher, C.P.P.S., Dr. Mark Fecher.

from 1900-1925. Being the first of its kind, it was widely received by sisterhoods and was influential in encouraging certain changes in procedures to promote better health habits and lengthen life expectancy. 1957 saw publication of a second study by Dr. Fecher covering 90,000 nuns. In June of 1960 he received the University of Dayton alumni award of \$500. This, plus other grants, enabled him (with Mrs. Fecher) to spend several months of his 1962 sabbatical leave in Europe extending his researches to include clergy here and abroad.

People's health has been a central concern with the Fecher sons. Dr. Mark attended Saint Joseph's from 1935 to 1940, later received degrees from the University of Dayton and St. Louis medical, did army medical duty in Japan, then continued special surgery residencies in several hospitals over the country for some years, finishing with a fellowship in surgery at Boston's famed Lahey clinic. He is now a general surgeon in Knox-

ville, Tennessee, specializing in vascular and cancer surgery; a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and diplomate of the American Board of Surgeons. Dr. Mark and wife have five children.

Dr. Con Fecher, Jr., spent four high school years at St. Joseph's, 1942-46, went on through the University of Dayton, thence to Marquette dental school, and into Air Force dental duty in Korea. He is now practicing in Dayton, Ohio, in special reconstructive dentistry; has a wife and son. Father Roger Fecher, C.P.P.S., attended Saint Joseph's from 1953 to 1955, was ordained in 1962, and is now studying physics at the University of Chicago.

The Old Grad of 1914 has two daughters. Sister Marie Julie is an Ursuline nun with a Master's degree in music from De Paul university. The younger daughter, Julie, is a graduate of Julienne in Dayton and has a B.A. degree from Mount Saint Joseph on the Ohio. (Continued on Page 4)

'63 - '64 Hardcourt Stars



(Standing) Coach Jim Holstein, Carl Bossung, Lonnie Brunswick, Bob Mokros, Al Papai, Larry Yeagley, Paul Zosel, assistant coach Don Merki. (Kneeling) Trainer Bernie Lareau, Tom Crowley, Ken Dockus, John Crowley, Terry Davisson, Tom Sager, manager Bob Popp.

Puma Cagers 6 - 7 at Season's Half

St. Joe's cagers went into the semester exam break with a 6-7 overall record and a 2-3 mark in the ICC. The Pumas resumed practice on January 24th to prepare for a home game against Evansville.

The Pumas opened the season with a one point loss to Villa Madonna at Covington, Ky., then won three in a row over Marian, Aquinas and Wheaton. A cold streak followed and St. Joe dropped a pair to St. Cloud State of Minnesota, a newcomer to the schedule and undoubtedly one of the finest teams St. Joe has tackled in recent years, and to St. Ambrose at Davenport, Iowa. A victory over Franklin and a loss to Indiana Central in the Indianapolis Classic during the Christmas vacation period preceded the opening conference play.

Butler invaded Alumni fieldhouse for the first ICC clash. The Bulldogs were hardpressed all the way but managed to eke out a 67 to 62 win in the final minute. The Pumas dropped two more, to Indiana State and Ball State, but by close margins, then began to click, notching consecutive wins over DePauw and Valparaiso before the semester break.

"Our defense has improved somewhat; Larry Yeagley has given us more strength on the boards; and we're starting to run a little more," Coach Jim Holstein said in analyzing the team's improvement at the midway point in the season. The Pumas ranked second in team defense in the ICC statistics released January 11th. Yeagley, a sophomore forward from South Bend, has emerged as the number one reserve on the front line and has pumped through 22 points in the last two games, besides providing added rebounding strength.

St. Joe has been getting more balanced scoring than it has in the past few years. Four players hit in double figures in the Ball State, DePauw and Valpo games. Lonnie Brunswick, junior forward from Burkettsville, O., is the team leader in that department with a 16.7 per game average and a red hot .520 percentage from the field. Tom Crowley, sophomore guard from Oak Park, Ill., is averaging 15.2 per game; and Paul Zosel, junior guard-forward from Des Moines, Ia. is hitting an average of 12.3.

The other two starters in recent games, Carl Bossung, a sophomore guard from Reynolds, Ind., and Al Papai, junior center from South Bend, are close behind with eight point per game averages.

Bossung started the season as a

reserve but has won a starting berth with his aggressive play and accurate shooting. He's hitting .500 from the field and .738 from the free throw line.

Yeagley, Terry Davisson, junior guard-forward from Rensselaer, Tom Sager, a guard from Milwaukee, Wis. and the only senior on the squad, and Bob Mokros, sophomore center from Milwaukee, have provided most of the bench strength thus far in the season. Two other reserves, Ken Dockus and John Crowley, both junior guards from Chicago, have looked good in brief appearances.

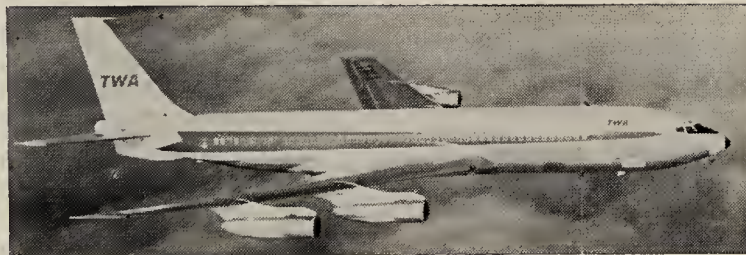
College Gives First CC Awards

Saint Joseph's awarded the first cross country varsity awards ever given at the college to six young men at the sports award banquet in November.

The letter winners are: John Caccamo, Chicago, Bob Geoffron, Indianapolis, George Lawler, Chicago, Mike Layden, Chicago, Bob Marx, St. Louis, and Dave Rubner, Milwaukee.

Lack of experience was evident in the five meets the Pumas entered, but Coach Bill Braunbeck was encouraged by the performances of some of the underclassmen and anticipates much better results in future years as the sport develops at the College.

Come Fly With Us



Our Diamond Jubilee European tour is scheduled for the last two and a half weeks in August and the first week in September. By traveling at this time we will miss most of the tourist crowd.

We are now accepting reservations for our tour which will include England, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Italy, Monaco and Spain. Approximately \$874.00 is the entire tour cost including air fare. If you would like further information send us the coupon at the bottom of this page.

An Invitation to Those Participating in the Tour:

Oct. 15th, 1963

Dear Sirs:

My husband reads his copy of Contact avidly each issue, and was really pleased to see that you are trying to arrange an alumni tour of Europe to include England.

If you do manage this, we should be greatly pleased to entertain you to a coffee party or to meet in London so that Ken can have his long-awaited-for chance to meet some of his St. Joe friends. It has always been his dream to take us all to the States, but that seems almost an impossibility, so he can now perhaps realize part of that dream by meeting you all in England.

I must add, I also enjoy Contact as much as Ken — it gives me a glimpse of Ken's life "past".

Yours sincerely,
Georgine Platt (Mrs.)
Surrey, England

Saint Joseph's College Alumni Office, Box 802, Rensselaer, Indiana. YES, I am interested in participating in an Alumni Association-sponsored European Tour in 1964. There would be _____ in my party. I feel the tour should include the following features:

Name _____
Address _____

Boquski, Signs With Packers; Guliotta MVP

Four members of the 1963 St. Joe football squad have won post season honors and one has signed a contract with the Green Bay Packers of the National football league. Ron Boguski, a guard and linebacker, will get a chance to make the Green Bay squad as a place kicker and linebacker. The 6-2, 225 pound linesman from Berwyn, Illinois, booted field goals of fifty and forty-six yards in the Pumas 9-6 victory over DePauw and was credited with 53 tackles and assists, third highest on the team, during the season.

Boguski was named to the All Indiana Collegiate conference second team, finished third in balloting for most valuable lineman in the ICC, and was named to the Midwest All Catholic and the small Catholic college All America teams.

Dick Schreiber, Skokie, Ill., who won the Rudy Volz Most Valuable Player award in the homecoming game, was named to the All ICC first team as a tackle and won honorable mention on several post season honor teams.

Joe Gugliotta, Chicago, Ill., was named Most Valuable Player on the St. Joe squad, received honorable mention in the ICC selections for the third consecutive year and was named to the Midwest All Catholic team.

Boguski, Schreiber, Gugliotta and Terry Isselhard, Belleville, Ill., were all named to the NAIA All District team. Phil Zera, Skokie, a halfback who missed the entire season because of an injury, was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams of the NFL but still has one year of eligibility.

In addition to those already mentioned, St. Joe awarded varsity football letters to the following: Dennis Anderson, Detroit, Mich., Rich Ostrowski, Willow Springs, Ill., Bob Bridge, Streator, Ill., Tom Conrad, Lafayette, Ind., Ron Dostal, Brantford, Ont., Dave Eckerle, Jasper, Ind., John George, Elyria, O., Larry Lennon, Evansville, Ind., Al Mockaitis, Bay City, Mich., Dave Ogren, Gary, Ind., Huck Quigley, South Bend, Ind., Chuck Ryan, Mamaroneck, N.Y., Jim Truba, Detroit, Rich Beiriger, Griffith, Ind., Dennis Berner, Bensenville, Ill., Dan Conroy, Chicago, Terry Davisson, Rensselaer, Ind., Jim Kelly, Mt. Vernon, O., Jeff Koch, Jerry McNamara, Chicago, Jim



Dick Schreiber

President's Visitors — Con't.
tive custody. She wanted to tell the President about a Red counter-espionage group that had ringed her house, and were torturing her with radio waves.

Another insistent caller had only peace-of-mind in his heart. He wanted to tell the President how this peace-of-mind could be made world-wide to bring peace on earth, good will to men.

"Jesus Christ" Calls

A 28-year-old man drove 100 miles to tell the President "the Third Secret of Fatima." He willingly identified himself to the guards as "Jesus Christ," but said he wasn't going to tell anyone else "the Third Secret," including the psychiatrists who later studied his case.

Advised by "Voices"

With that much variety, the psychiatrists said, it may be difficult to uncover common factors. One thing that is common to many, the doctors said, is that they claim that "voices" told or commanded them to seek out the President.

Only one of the 40 sent to D.C. General in the two-year period was there for but a short stay. He was caught after climbing the fence into the White House grounds. The doctors released him after seven hours, as more drunk than mentally ill.

Crisis Link Sought

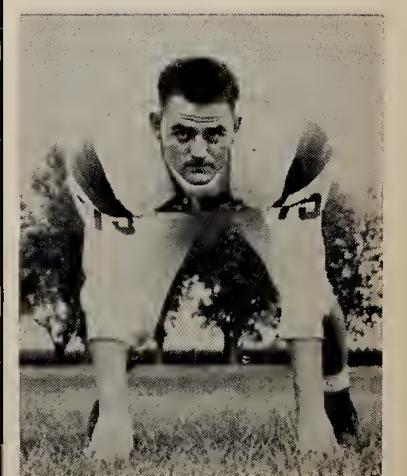
By far the majority, however, were diagnosed as really sick individuals. After two weeks of observation at the city institution, they were transferred to the Federal hospital for the mentally ill, St. Elizabeths, and later transferred to institutions within their own States.

Fecher Foursome — Con't.

Cincinnati. She is married to Dr. William Zink, D.D.S., who attended Saint Joseph's in 1942. Thus in a sense the Foursome is really a quintet of alumni. Add to this Con Senior's brother, Father Julius Fecher, C.P.P.S., and we must acknowledge a considerable family contribution to the alumni roster. Finally we note that Mrs. Fecher's younger brother was Dr. Gregory Nordenbrock, '25, now deceased.

Metzinger, Lafayette, Dennis Stanczak, Ron Weber, South Bend, Joe Whalen, Penfield, Ill., Larry Yost, Kentland, Ind., and John Zollecki, Milwaukee, Wis.

Varsity awards also went to student assistant coaches Ed Bara, Chicago, and Jim Betz, Jasper, and to student managers Pat Bresnahan, South Whaley, Ind., George Popp, Memphis, Tenn., and George Zulanis, Chicago.



Ron Boguski